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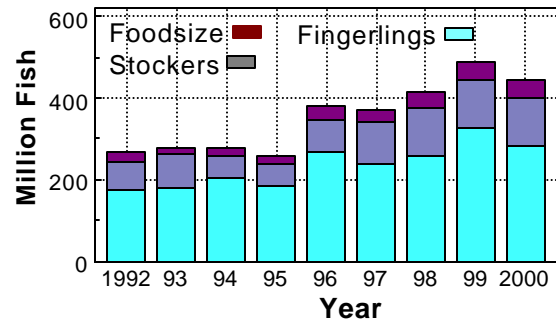
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JULY FOODSIZE CATFISH INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT

ARKANSAS Commercial catfish operations had 43.6 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2000, down 5 percent from July 1, 1999. Other types of catfish inventory and the breakout of foodsize and stockers with percent changes are as follows:

Broodfish, 220,000, up 52 percent.
Large foodsize fish, 980,000, down 12 percent.
Medium foodsize, 8.8 million, down 25 percent.
Small foodsize, 33.8 million, up 3 percent.
Large stockers, 43.1 million, up 33 percent.
Small stockers, 72.7 million, down 14 percent.
Fingerlings and fry, 284.0 million, down 13 percent.

July 1 Inventory, Arkansas, 1992-2000

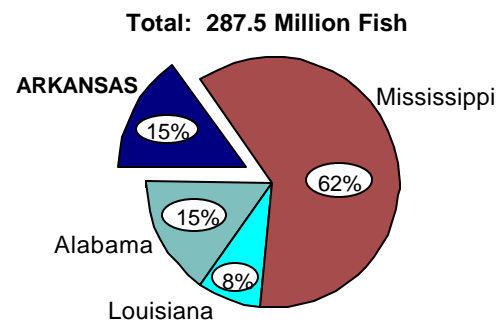


- Broodfish: Fish kept for egg production, including males. 3 to 10 lbs., or 4 to 6 years of age.
- Large foodsize: Over 3 lbs. per fish.
- Medium foodsize: Over 1 ½ lbs. to 3 lbs. per fish.
- Small foodsize: Over ¾ lb. to 1 ½ lbs. per fish.
- Large Stockers: Over 180 lbs. to 750 lbs. per 1,000 fish.
- Small Stockers: Over 60 lbs. to 180 lbs. per 1,000 fish.
- Fingerlings: 60 lbs. and less per 1,000 fish.

Number and Live Weight by Type and Size, July 1

ARKANSAS				
Type/size	Number		Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Broodfish	145	220	760	1,100
Foodsize	45,760	43,580	58,125	56,100
Large	1,110	980	3,825	3,400
Medium	11,800	8,800	21,500	17,400
Small	32,850	33,800	32,800	35,300
Stocker	116,600	115,800	22,720	25,700
Large	32,400	43,100	13,800	17,800
Small	84,200	72,700	8,920	7,900
Fingerlings	325,000	284,000	4,800	3,800

Four State Inventory, Foodsize Fish, July 1

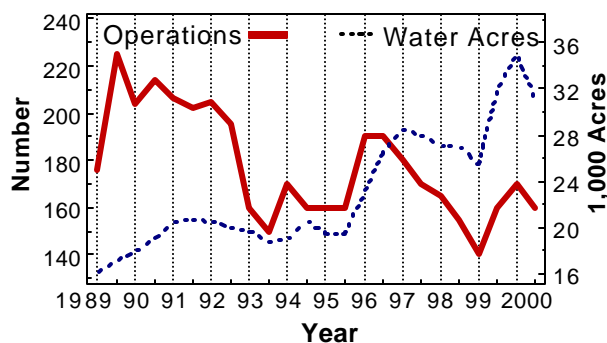


NUMBER OF OPERATIONS UNCHANGED; WATER SURFACE ACRES DOWN

ARKANSAS: The total number of operations on July 1, 2000 was 160, unchanged from a year ago, but down by 10, or 6 percent, from January 1, 2000.

The water surface area to be used for catfish production during July 1 through December 31, 2000 totaled 31,000 acres, down 3 percent from last year.

Arkansas, January 1 and July 1



Four Major Production States

State	Number of Operations, July 1		Water Surface Area July 1 - December 31	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Number		Acres	
AL	255	255	22,000	22,800
AR	160	160	32,000	31,000
LA	105	80	14,200	13,900
MS	390	400	108,000	111,500
Total	910	895	176,200	179,200

U. S. JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves as of July 1, 2000, totaled 106.4 million head, 1 percent below both July 1, 1999, and 1998. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.2 million head, were down slightly from a year ago. Beef cows, at 34.0 million, were

down 1 percent, and milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from 1999.

The 2000 calf crop is expected to be 38.9 million, up slightly from 1999. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.6 million, up slightly from 1999.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, JULY 1, 1998 - 2000

Class	1998	JULY 1 1999	2000	% Change 1999-2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	107,700	107,000	106,400	-1
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	43,600	43,300	43,200	0
Beef Cows That Have Calved	34,400	34,150	33,950	-1
Milk Cows That Have Calved	9,200	9,150	9,250	+1
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,700	16,600	16,500	-1
Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	5,000	4,800	4,700	-2
Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	3,600	3,700	3,700	0
Other Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	8,100	8,100	8,100	0
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,600	14,400	14,300	-1
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,200	2,200	2,100	-5
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	30,600	30,500	30,300	-1
Calf Crop	38,812	38,710	38,900	0
Cattle on Feed	11,000	11,500	12,300	+7

CALF CROP: NUMBER AND PERCENT OF TOTAL BY SIX-MONTH PERIOD

Period	1998		1999		2000 1/	
	Number <i>1,000 Head</i>	% of Total <i>Percent</i>	Number <i>1,000 Head</i>	% of Total <i>Percent</i>	Number <i>1,000 Head</i>	% of Total <i>Percent</i>
January 1 - June 30	28,500	73.4	28,500	73.6	28,600	73.5
July 1 - December	10,312	26.6	10,210	26.4	10,300	26.5
TOTAL	38,812	100.0	38,710	100.0	38,900	100.0

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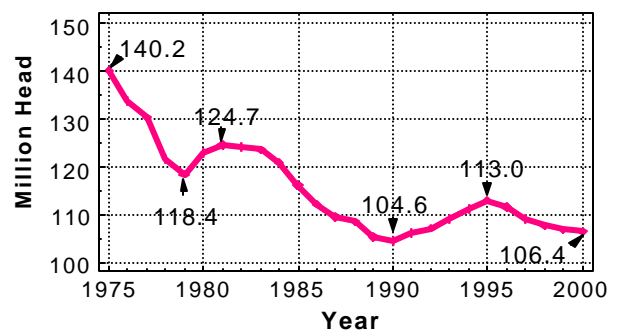
Balance Sheet, January 1 - June 30, 1998-2000

Item	1998	1999	2000 1/
	<i>Million Head</i>		
January 1 Inventory	99.7	99.1	98.0
Calf Crop and	29.5	29.5	29.6
Total Supply 2/	129.3	128.6	127.7
Slaughter	18.5	18.6	18.9
Deaths and Exports	2.7	2.5	2.6
Total Disappearance	21.1	21.1	21.4
Residual 2/	-0.4	-0.4	0.1
July 1 Inventory	107.7	107.0	106.4

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

U. S. Cattle & Calf Inventory July 1, 1975-2000



RED MEAT PRODUCTION AND CATTLE SLAUGHTER SET RECORD LOWS FOR JUNE

ARKANSAS: Commercial red meat production during June 2000 totaled 4.1 million pounds, a record low for the month, and down 23 percent from June 1999. Commercial **cattle slaughter** totaled 1,200 head, equaling the record low set in April 2000, and down 33 percent from last year. Seventy-five percent of the total cattle slaughter was under federal

inspection, and the remainder was non-federally inspected. **Hog, calf and sheep slaughter** data are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

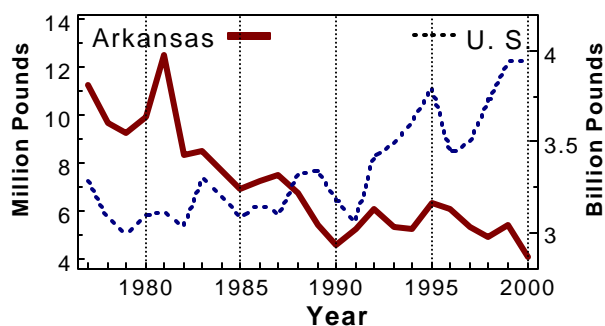
June 1999 and June 2000 both contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION, CATTLE AND HOG SLAUGHTER, 1999 - 2000

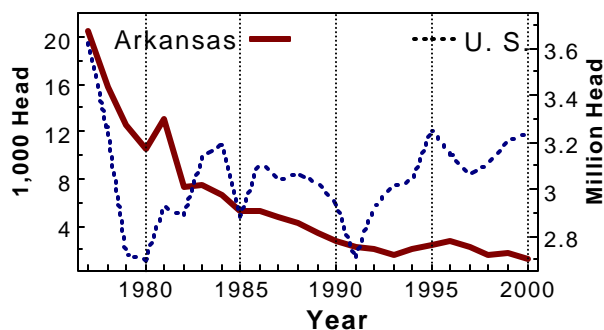
Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
Red Meat Production 1/	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	5.4	4.1	-23 ^{3/}	3,940.2	3,940.4 ^{5/}	0
Cattle Slaughter Total	<i>1,000 Head</i>	1.8	1.2	-33	3,206.8	3,236.8	+1
Federally Inspected	<i>1,000 Head</i>	1.3	0.9	-31	3,153.9	3,191.4	+1
Total Live Weight	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	1,602	1,224	-24	3,832,344	3,901,800	+2
Average Live Weight	<i>Lbs.</i>	904	1,000	+11	1,195	1,205	+1
Hog Slaughter Total 2/	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4/	4/	-	8,319.2	7,950.3	-4
Federally Inspected	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4/	4/	-	8,176.2	7,821.9	-4
Total Live Weight	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	4/	4/	-	2,156,831	2,081,082	-4
Average Live Weight	<i>Lbs.</i>	4/	4/	-	259	262	+1

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. 2/ Excludes slaughter on farms. 3/ Based on unrounded data. 4/ Arkansas data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations, but still included in the U.S. total. 5/ Record high for June, including June record for beef production.

**Red Meat Production during June
Arkansas and U. S., 1977-2000**



**Cattle Slaughter during June
Arkansas and U. S., 1977-2000**



JUNE EGG PRODUCTION AND LAYERS UP

ARKANSAS Egg production totaled 292 million during June 2000, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of the total eggs produced, 38 percent were **table eggs** and 62 percent **hatching eggs**. Table egg production was up 9 percent, and hatching egg production down 2 percent from last year.

The total number of layers during June averaged 15.3 million, up 1 percent from the previous year. **Egg-type chicks hatched** during June, at 817,000, was up 1 percent, and **broiler-type**, 110.2 million, up 1 percent from June 1999.

JUNE LAYERS AND EGGS, AND CHICKS HATCHED, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 1999-2000

Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
Egg Production	<i>Million Eggs</i>	286	292	+2	6,742	6,801*	+1
Table Eggs	<i>Million Eggs</i>	101	110	+9	5,652	5,720	+1
Hatching Eggs	<i>Million Eggs</i>	185	182	-2	1,090	1,081	-1
All Layers 1/	<i>Thousands</i>	15,165	15,269	+1	320,441	325,110	+1
Rate of Lay 2/	<i>Number</i>	1,886	1,912	+1	2,104	2,092	-1
Chicks Hatched:							
Egg Type	<i>Thousands</i>	809	817	+1	41,474	36,575	-12
Broiler Type	<i>Thousands</i>	109,452	110,234	+1	744,372	748,008	0

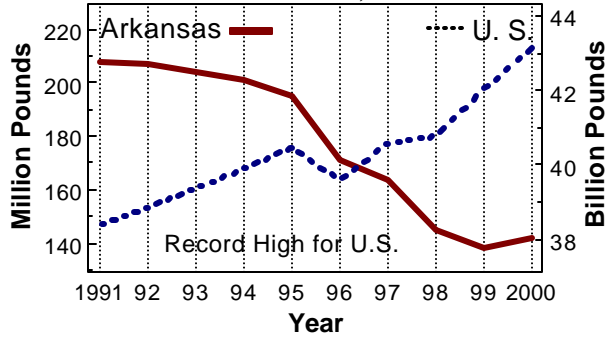
* June record. 1/ Includes all layers in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. 2/ Eggs produced per 100 layers in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SECOND QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

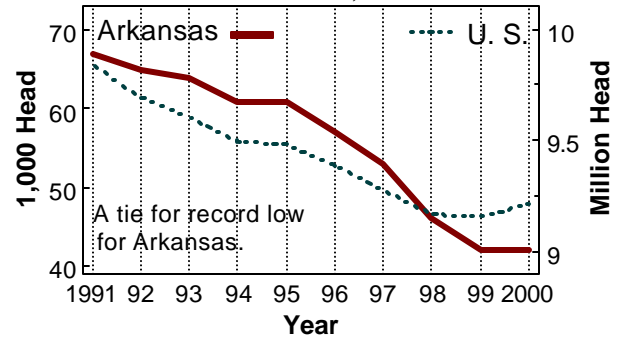
ARKANSAS Milk production during the April-June quarter totaled 142 million pounds, up 3 percent from the 138 million pounds produced during the same period in 1999.

The average number of **milk cows** during the April-June quarter was 42,000 head, unchanged from the same quarter in 1999. The number of cows has been at the lowest level since the October-December quarter in 1998.

**Milk Production, April-June Quarter
Arkansas and U.S., 1991-2000**



**Milk Cows, April-June Quarter
Arkansas and U.S., 1991-2000**



MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION BY QUARTER, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 1998-2000

Item/Quarter	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
MILK COWS: 1/	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>1,000 Head</i>		
January - March	42	42	0	9,128	9,187	+1
April - June	42	42	0	9,155	9,213	+1
July - September (1998 and 1999)	43	42	-2	9,145	9,171	0
October-December (1998 and 1999)	42	42	0	9,128	9,170	0
MILK PRODUCTION: 2/	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Million Pounds</i>		
January - March	135	141	+4	40,505	42,593	+5
April - June	138	142	+3	42,029	43,137	+3
July - September (1998 and 1999)	129	122	-5	38,513	39,771	+3
October - Dec. (1998 and 1999)	120	125	+4	38,901	40,406	+4

1/ Average number includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk nursed by calves.